

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-7. (Canceled)

8. (Amended) A first storage system to be that is coupled to a computer, the first storage system comprising:

at least one first interface-control devicecontroller that to be coupleds to the computer, wherein the first controller is configured to manage a first file system and receives from the computer an access request containing identification information of a file in the first file system;

at least one second interface-control devicecontroller that being coupleds to the at least one first interface-control devicecontroller; and

a plurality of first disks each being coupled to the at least one second interface-control devicecontroller,

wherein in the plurality of first disks, a first storage region is configured, and on the first storage region, the first file system is configured,

wherein the at least one first interface-control devicecontroller is configured to couples to a second storage-system having a third controller, which is configured to manage a second file system and receive an access request containing identification

information of a file in the second file system, and a plurality of second disks coupled to the third controller,

wherein in the plurality of second disks, a second storage region is configured, and on the second storage region, the second file system is configured,

wherein the plurality of first disks and the plurality of second disks have different kinds of interfaces,

wherein a plurality of policies used for deciding a file storing location are prepared by a plurality of software programs;

~~a first storage region is set in the plurality of first disks,~~

~~—— a second storage region is set in the plurality of second disks,~~

wherein the at least one first interface-control devicecontroller, upon receiving an access request from the computer, is configured to decides according to a property of a file designated by identification information contained in the access request-received and a policy applied to the file as to which one of the first storage region and the second storage region to store data of the file,

when it is decided to store the data of the file ~~is stored~~ in the first storage region, the at least one second interface-control devicecontroller is configured to stores the data of the file in ~~one of the~~ plurality of first disks, ~~and~~

when it is decided to migrate the file from the first storage region to the second storage region ~~the data of the file is stored in the second storage region,~~ the at least one first interface-control devicecontroller is configured to ~~that received the~~

~~access request from the computer controls such that the data of the file is~~
~~transmitted~~ a write request containing another identification information of the file to
~~the second storage system through the at least one first interface control device that~~
~~is coupled to the second storage system, so that the data of the file is stored in the~~
~~second storage region, and~~
wherein management information of the file including location information of
the file and identification information of a software program, by which the policy
applied to the file is prepared, are stored in the first system.

9. (Currently Amended) A first storage system according to claim 268,
wherein

~~the second storage system includes a third interface control device~~controller is
configured to that receives an access request having identification information of a
file, and ~~that~~ accesses a storage region within the second storage region correlated
to the identification information of the file ~~received to thereby access data of the file~~
~~specified by the identification information.~~

10. (Currently Amended) A first storage system according to claim 269,
~~wherein the third interface control device sets a file system in the second~~
~~storage region,~~

wherein when the first ~~interface control device~~controller receives an access request from the computer, and when ~~data of a file designated by identification information contained in the access request is~~ migrated from the first storage region to be stored in the second storage region, the first ~~interface control device~~controller is configured to ~~controls to transmit the~~ an access request having ~~the~~ another identification information of correlated to the file, which is used to identify the file in the second file system, to the third ~~interface control device~~controller ~~through the first interface control device coupled to the second storage system~~.

11. (Currently Amended) A first storage system according to claim 10, wherein the access request received at the first interface control device~~controller~~ ~~coupled to the second storage system receives an access request from the computer~~ includes the identification information used for identifying the file in the first file system.

12. (Currently Amended) A first storage system according to claim 10, wherein the first ~~interface control device~~controller is configured to migrates the data of the file from the first storage region to the second storage region through the third ~~interface control device~~controller, based on the property of the files ~~whose data is~~ stored in the first storage region.

13. (Currently Amended) A first storage-system according to claim 12, wherein, when the first ~~interface-control device~~controller migrates the data of thea file stored in the first storage region to the second storage region, the first ~~interface control device~~controller is configured to transmits to the third interface-control device an access request having the another identification information of ~~correlated to the~~ file to the third controller, and stores the identification information of the file received from the computer correlated with the second file system set in the second storage region and the another identification information of the file in the first storage region.

14. (Currently Amended) A first storage-system according to claim 13, wherein

the first ~~interface-control device~~controller is configured to stores information concerning propertiesy of files and information concerning a property of the first storage region and a property of the second storage region, and decides, based on the information concerning the propertiesy of files and the information concerning the property of the first storage region and the property of the second storage region, as to whether or not the data of thea file stored in the first storage region is to be migrated to the second storage region.

15-25. (Canceled)

26. (New) A first system according to claim 8, wherein the location information of the migrated file and the identification information of the software program, which are stored in the first system, are accessible by using file identification information of the migrated file used in the first file system.

27. (New) A first system according to claim 26, wherein the location information of the migrated file and identification information of the software program are stored in the first storage region, from which the file is migrated.